

Council Rejects Initial Ordinance, New One May Follow Worksession

by Kathleen Gallagher

The crowd ebbed and flowed as the four hours of the April 22 council meeting wore on, ranging from about 25 to nearly 40 people. The numbers were at one of their peaks when the council reached on the agenda the second reading and adoption of an ordinance to add a new section to the city code on the improper dissemination of confidential information. All members of council were present.

The ordinance, which had been introduced for first reading at the April 8 meeting, defined confidential information as “any information received by an elected or appointed official or salaried employee of the City of Greenbelt where such information is clearly intended to be limited to persons authorized to use such information or documents, whether verbally or in writing.” The course of action prescribed in the ordinance to be taken upon its becoming apparent

that confidential information had been violated was for the city manager to have an investigation undertaken to confirm that such had taken place. If an employee was responsible for the leak, the city manager would determine disciplinary action. If an elected official was responsible, the matter would be referred to the city council to decide whether to publicly censure the member. Without clear relationship to the options for action by the council or the manager, it was also stated that violation of the ordinance would be considered a misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days incarceration and imposition of a fine of up to \$1,000.

The size of the crowd was in part a result of an editorial in this paper last week, referenced by the council as well as audience members, which deplored the penalties provided by the ordinance but also suggested that no legislation should be adopted

by the council to regulate confidential information since “there is very little reason for any matter coming before council to be treated as confidential.”

An accompanying opinion piece by Thomas White and James Giese, former councilmember and former city manager respectively, did not address staff violations but recommended that any violations of confidentially by councilmembers be treated not as violations of law but rather as violations of procedure. Both the editorial and the article criticized as inappropriate any responsibility of the city manager for an investigation potentially involving members of council.

Defer Action

Mayor Judith Davis opened this segment of the meeting by saying that so much discussion had been generated about this ordinance since its first reading

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Greenbelt Theater Competes For Historic Grant Funding

by Altoria Bell Ross

Tweet, email or vote on Facebook and check in on Foursquare for the Old Greenbelt Theatre from now to midnight on Friday, May 10. American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Partners in Preservation program has selected the theater along with 23 other D.C. area sites to compete for historic preservation grants totaling a million dollars. Public voting online and via social media during a two-week window will help determine which sites will be awarded grant funding. Tweet and Instagram using #PreserveDMV.

Stewards of the 74-year-old theater, which was chosen from more than 200 area locations, are planning to repair its art deco lobby for continued use as

a movie theater or, in the words of Celia Craze, director of the department of Planning and Community Development, bring back the “wow” value to the building. The city currently has \$700,000 toward major renovation of the theater, a project now expected to cost \$1.2 million.

If the \$100,000 is awarded to the theater, the following renovations would take place:

- Strip the walls down to the original finish and paint with colors of the 1930s era;
- Remove the grid-like suspended ceiling and reinstall the original wall sconces;
- Repair the terrazzo floors;
- Redo the concession equipment to fit the space; and

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FY2014 Budget

Budget for Planning and Community Development, Doing More with Less

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council held its second budget worksession on April 10 at the Municipal Building, which focused on the Planning and Community Development Department. Six councilmembers attended along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin and department Director Celia Craze, who presented the proposed budget information for Fiscal Year 2014.

Currently the department is staffed by three professional planners, a supervisory code inspector, three community development inspectors, one and a half parking enforcement officers, two office administrative assistants and two and a half animal control coordinators.

The proposed FY14 budget will reduce the present staffing by one, an inspector. This reduction is possible because the need for inspections at the Franklin Park apartments has been greatly reduced over the past two years since the ownership changed.

The budget for the department includes accounts for Planning, Community Development and Animal Control. For FY14, the Planning budget has been decreased by \$3,700 and the Community Development by \$84,300 from this year’s budget, mainly due to the loss of one inspector position.

The Animal Control budget

for FY14 is slightly higher than the current budget but lower by \$27,900 than current estimated expenditures. Although the department earns revenue through licenses, fees and grants, about half of the money needed (\$549,300) to fund the department will come from general city revenues.

A handout for the worksession compared Greenbelt’s fees with various license fees charged by other area local governments. Greenbelt’s are generally lower than most others.

Opening Remarks

In opening remarks Craze praised city employees. For her department she noted that there was “too much work, too much pressure and we are mostly attempting to solve each day’s crisis.”

She told council the department has reached a point where it cannot do more than it is doing without additional resources. While the workload has been increasing, she said, the department has lost two positions in two years. She requested that council provide an additional one-half time animal control officer to address a growing workload for the program.

Another handout provided a list of 36 ongoing projects handled by the staff. Planning projects include crosswalk stud-

ies, bus stop safety, program open-space submissions and proposed development activity in Greenbelt West. In addition, the staff has responsibility for city capital projects and must also be prepared to advocate city positions relating to Metro, BARC, NASA, the proposed widening of Sunnyside Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The list of capital projects includes 12 projects in various stages, including the proposed Old Greenbelt Theatre renovation, monitoring of the Pepco tree trimming activities, new bus stop designs and needed work at Greenbelt Lake and the integrity of the lake dam. Also, there are 14 listed items for development-related activities in all parts of the city, 15 projects relating to Code Enforcement activities and eight traffic-related projects.

Theater Renovation

The only capital project discussed more fully was the planned renovation of the city-owned Old Greenbelt Theatre. The project has been difficult to get underway because of the lack of adequate funds as well as difficulty in assessing what needs to be done and problems in coordinating with other agencies like Pepco for a major upgrade in electrical service.

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Council Looks at COG’s Stance on Firearm Issue

by Barbara Hopkins

On April 8, Greenbelt City Council considered two issues that extend beyond the city limits. Councilmember Leta Mach was absent from the meeting.

COG, Gun Control

Less than a month earlier, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) had considered a resolution at its March 15 meeting to approve and accept as its official position a Position Paper on Firearm Violence developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) as part of the group’s Congressional legislative agenda.

According to the IACP website, the position calls for bans on assault weapons, the sale or transfer of armor-piercing bullets and the mail-ordering of bullet-proof vests and body armor. The IACP seeks to ensure that states maintain legislative control over concealed weapons laws and advocates for greater firearms enforcement and a federal firearms offender registry as well as a

mandatory five-day waiting period for the purchase of handguns.

The IACP opposes any legislation that limits or reduces the ability of law enforcement to curtail illegal firearm sales. It supports permanently prohibiting gun ownership by anyone who behaves as a juvenile in a way that would prohibit gun ownership in an adult.

At the COG meeting, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis made the motion to adopt the resolution and the motion passed by a vote of 15 to five. Dissenting votes came from representatives from the counties of Fairfax and Loudoun (two votes) and the City of Manassas in Virginia and the City of Gaithersburg in Maryland. Fairfax County had two representatives present, of whom one voted in favor of the motion.

A prior motion to send the resolution to COG’s policy committee for review resulted in a tie vote.

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What Goes On

Saturday, April 27
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center
9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road
Saturday, May 4
9 a.m. to noon or until the truck is full, Shredding Day, Parking Lot behind the Credit Union, 112 Centerway (5 Boxes/Bags per person. Personal records only.)
9 a.m. to noon, Annual Arthritis Walk, Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Sunday, May 5
1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

THANKS!

Thank you for sounding the alarm about the disturbing and inappropriate legislation pending before the City Council.

Ruth Kastner

Supports Paper's New Law Editorial

This is in strong support of the editorial and positions put forth by Tom White and Jim Giese. Having a city employee investigate an elected council member is absurd, unless he/she is specifically directed to do so by action of the council. From the Willamson story, it appears that this bill has been initiated by the manager. If so, I think that is very inappropriate.

Censure by fellow councilmembers might be appropriate in some situations but penalties should be leveled by the electorate.

We elect our representatives to work for the good of the community. If they receive information declared to be confidential, they must be trusted to determine if that confidentiality is detrimental to the community and if so to reveal it. I have observed Mr. Roberts' contributions to Greenbelt over many years and trust him to do what is right for the city.

Do not pass this ordinance.

Pat O'Brien

Cool Down Time?

Just a thought about the Greenbelt City Council meeting on April 22

If the mayor had just asked the city's lawyer, Robert Manzi, to do research on current laws about confidentiality instead of demanding a draft ordinance and let their anger have a chance to subside toward Rodney Roberts – who it seems they erroneously found fault with, for a perceived breach of confidentiality – then the citizens of Greenbelt would not have had to spend the evening of Earth Day defending Rodney Roberts.

Roberts is the councilmember beloved in Greenbelt because of his monumental successful efforts to save Greenbelt woods. Greenbelt citizens should thank Rodney Roberts. Thanks are due to Councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling with regard to this rush to judgment.

Barbara Stevens

Greenbelt Oil Spill

We don't have a lot of wrecks on Southway and that is because people are watching where they are going while they are on their cell phones.

But we walkers, seeking to expand our shopping options beyond Town Center, do get the time to safely take our eyes off the road for enough moments to spot environmental problems along the way.

You are not going to believe this unless you see it; therefore I invite you to just walk Southway toward Greenway Center and to observe the sludge in the drainway and in 20 yards of the grassy ditch across the street from the gas station. [This is what I call our "BP Spill Model."]

By the way, if you do proceed to Greenway Center, be very careful in crossing the many dangerous lanes of Route 193. It would be better to cross at Hanover Parkway, but then you would not see this mini-environmental disaster, which has persisted for at least the eight years I have walked this route.

The grass is crying there.

Bill Norwood

Surely the Opposite Was Intended?

In the April 11 edition of the News Review it was reported that the Police Department considers the Red Light Camera Program a success because the number of citations more than doubled for 2012.

It seems to me that for the program to be deemed a success the number of citations would have to decrease. A decrease would show that people are obeying the traffic laws and people in Greenbelt are safer when driving and walking. If the purpose of the cameras is to be a deterrent and to make people safer, then a decrease would indeed be a success.

Alice Noe

Charlestowne Village

Café Review Hits A Positive Note

We want to thank you for the excellent review of the New Deal Café by Jessica Suss (News Review, April 11, 2013). The reviewer noted the contributions of Karim and Maria's food and the variety of music coordinated by Amethyst Dwyer which make the café attractive to our patrons.

In highlighting the success of the last several years, the article did not mention the key contributions of the cooperative's General Manager Terri Rutledge, as well as the efforts of our other key volunteers. Many patrons do not see the work that Rutledge and others do behind the scenes to ensure the Café functions seamlessly in hosting bands, art receptions and other special events.

As general manager Rutledge has been instrumental in professionalizing the operation of the Café and has implemented practices and procedures that should eliminate the management and financial crises experienced in the past. She oversees and coordinates all of the activities of the cooperative, including our relationship with the restaurant manager. She is responsible for all business and financial matters, publicity and the cooperative's equipment and facilities.

The art scene at the Café has blossomed under Art Coordinator Julia Wade's artistic eye, with regular art shows including art as well as craft pieces. Barbara Simon and the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), a nonprofit which supports arts and music at the Café, have been instrumental in helping the Café.

Frank Kayser, our master sound engineer, not only keeps the audio equipment in top shape but also operates the sound board for our bands many nights per week. Webmaster Karen Wallace has created a fantastic website that draws people in with its abundant information.

It is important to remember that the existence of the New Deal Café is the result of enormous effort and contributions by many selfless Greenbelters over the last 18 years, including those who have given time and money (donations and loans) at critical times.

Bill Wilkerson

Peter May

Editor's Note: Bill Wilkerson is a member of the board of directors of the New Deal Café Cooperative and Peter May is a member of the board of directors of FONDCA. They submitted this letter as individuals.

Avoidable Tax Increase

The City Council is considering a 2.5 percent increase in the property tax rate to offset lower property assessments. Although the City Manager and Council knew there was a problem before 2010 when property assessments fell as much as 25 percent, they made no real effort to cut costs.

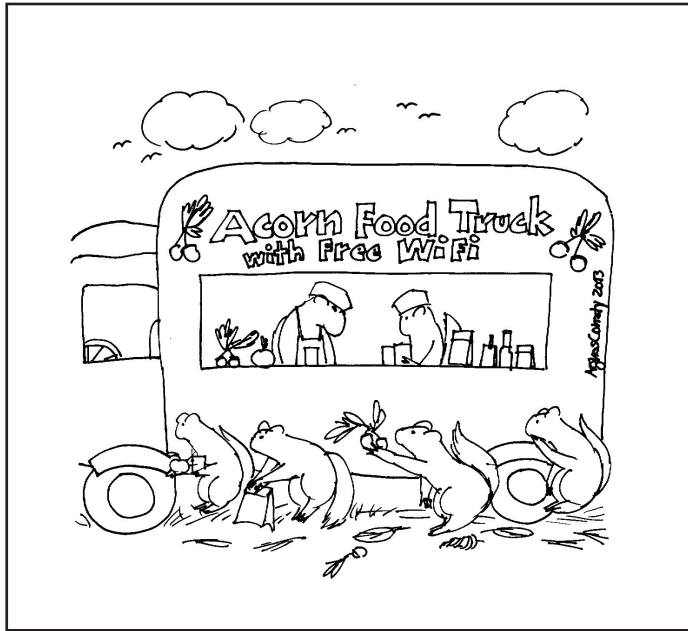
Other government entities behave differently. The USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS), which manages BARC and 90 other locations nationwide, has suffered a 13.8 percent decrease in Congressional funding since 2010. ARS acted immediately when the first signs of trouble appeared in 2009. It froze hiring, eliminated vacant positions and closed laboratories. As a result, ARS leadership has avoided any layoffs or furloughs.

In spite of what councilmembers claim, the city's budget can and should be significantly reduced. Well-run organizations which cannot depend with 100 percent certainty on the level of revenues will freeze hiring, reduce costs, shave services, replace permanent personnel positions with contractors and recruit more volunteers at the earliest sign that revenues are going south.

Although this council may promise to lower the tax rate if and when property assessments increase, this council increased the tax rate in 2007 when property assessments were sky-high.

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Grin Belt



"I just want a free wee-fee and that's to go."

On Screen Better Wed

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, April 26 is "The Big Wedding," a free-swinging (and how) comedy set by a country manse on a sunny summer weekend. A long-divorced couple, hosting a marriage for young 'uns, tries to convince one and all that they're still wed. Stirring the pot with its melange of "unresolved issues" is a contumacious cast led by the likes of Robert De Niro, Diane Keaton, Susan Sarandon and Robin Williams – the last as nothing less than a Catholic priest. And if the setting is alongside a beckoning lake, can this tale fail to make a splash?

Running time: 90 minutes. R, for language, sexual content and brief nudity.

– Eli Flam

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF April 26

The Big Wedding (R)

FRIDAY
*5:30, 7:30, 9:20

SATURDAY

Classic Film Series at Noon
W.C. Fields in "You Can't Cheat an Honest Man"

*3:30, *5:30, 7:30, 9:20

SUNDAY

*3:30, *5:30, 7:30

MONDAY – THURSDAY

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Community Events

NARFE Holds Monthly Meeting at Greenbriar

The next monthly meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) chapter will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The speaker will be Nilou Mohazzabi, coach of the Ideal Your Boutique, Health and Wellness Education Seminar (cooking demo on fun and healthy eating).

For directions call the Greenbriar office at 301-441-1096, ext. 0.

At the Library

Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. The Master Gardeners of Prince George’s County will present “Herbs to Cook and Grow.”

Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m.: African American historian and author/lecturer C.R. Gibbs presents audio-visual lectures for adults and older children on the African Diaspora. Guest lecturer Michelle Jones will present “Master Builders: A Documentary Featuring African American Architects.”

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at www.pgcmlls.info for a number of library services, to review accounts or renew materials. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

More Community Events
can be found throughout
the paper.

GHI Notes

Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, April 26, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Tuesday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., Board Executive Session – Board Room

Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Explore Sensitive 7, Elimination Diet

On Friday, May 3 Co-op Nutritional Consultant Kim Rush Lynch and Chef/Product Manager Ellen Siegel will be the Explorations Unlimited speakers, talking about how to discover food sensitivities and introducing the “Sensitive Seven and the Eliminations.”

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The presentation will be in Room 114. All are welcome and questions are encouraged.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

Garden Club 2013 Renewal Deadline

The Greenbelt Garden Club has announced that the renewal deadline for 2013 gardeners to avoid relinquishing their assigned plot is May 25. To renew, call Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

Beltway Plaza Hosts YMCA Healthy Kids

On Saturday, April 27 the YMCA Healthy Kids Day will be held at Beltway Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free community events will be held for kids and families at Center Court, along with free fun and educational opportunities as part of YMCA’s goal to improve the health and well-being of kids.

City of Greenbelt Holds Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Friday, May 3 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver’s license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Farmers Market Seeks Volunteers

The Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) is seeking volunteers for this year’s market season. Those interested in helping are invited to attend a GFM Volunteers Meeting on Sunday, April 28 at 11 a.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

More information is available at www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club celebrated its 56th anniversary on April 17 with a joyous luncheon. We enjoyed good food, fun music and birthday greetings and were honored to have Mayor Judith Davis greet us and congratulate the club.

Many thanks to everyone who worked to make this a very pleasant event. Thanks, too, to the staff at the Holiday Inn.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Shep Odom, who was a longtime member and remembered by many.

Bingo for prizes will be held on April 24. On April 25, club members will go to the Rainbow Dinner Theater in Paradise, Pa.

May is membership month – bring a friend and some new members. The Golden Age Club will be on the way to another active year.

Wisdom comes with age, I’ve been told – focus on today, yesterday has passed.

Peterson Youth Music Series Starts May 4

On Saturday, May 4 from 4 to 6 p.m., two student groups in the music program at Robert Goddard Middle School in Seabrook will present the first concert of the year in the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series. The free concert is outdoors in Roosevelt Center.

The Robert Goddard Jazz Band under the direction of Nucleo Vega is a traditional big band consisting of a horn and rhythm section. They will play a collection of jazz standards from Ellington to Coltrane and improvise their own solos. The Robert Goddard Electric Strings under the direction of Kevin Gillis, who founded the music program at the school in 2007, will play a collection of modern, Latin, classical and traditional styles of folk and American music.

Students from Robert Goddard have presented a spring concert each year since the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series began in 2009. The series is produced by the New Deal Café and sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA). The series was created to honor the memory of Eileen Peterson, a strong supporter and volunteer for the New Deal Café and the Friends of New Deal Café Arts. Peterson was especially interested in music and programs that served young people. The series has received the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative Jim Cassels Award and grants from the Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council.

– Barbara Simon

Open House for Camp At St. Hugh’s Site

On Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a Summer Camp Open House at the former St. Hugh’s School site for a camp planned this summer by Academic Enrichment Services, LLC.

Incoming kindergarteners through sixth graders and their parents are invited to stop by to tour the facility.

For details email Sue O’Brien at sobrien9565@gmail.com.

Greenspring I HOA Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. the annual meeting of the Greenspring I Home Owners Association will be held in the Schrom Hills Park Community Room. All residents of Greenspring I are invited and urged to attend.

Anyone who has not received their meeting packet or who needs additional information is asked to call Chambers Management at 301-680-0700.

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42, PG-13
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Oblivion, PG-13 (!)
11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50
Olympus Has Fallen, R
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Pain & Gain, R (!)
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Tyler Perry's Temptation, PG-13
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The Croods in 2D, PG
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Iron Man 3 in 2D
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Iron Man 3 in 3D
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In Memoriam
Ben Goldfaden

Ben Goldfaden, who died on March 25, 2013, was a very good friend who touched our lives. As Greenbelt pioneers (16A Ridge) we grew up in Utopia – Greenbelt – unthinking about our status in life in the unknown future.

My family knew Ben and Libby Goldfaden very well – socially and civically. My dad shared moments together with Ben recognizing and awarding trophies to outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen, often getting front page coverage in The Washington Post, pictures and all, with Town Manager Roy Braden and award winners Donnie and Deloris Wolf in the late 1940s.

But Ben did more for us less-rewarded youths by overseeing the Greenbelt Boys Club. It must have been his youth growing up in the streets of New York that drew him to Greenbelt. He followed previous recreation directors Jack Zeldin and Sam Fox, who came to Greenbelt to try to implant the spirit that anyone can enjoy sports – regardless of talents (mine specifically). Known for its low-income family status, the youth of Greenbelt never suffered from lack of coaching (a nod to Clif Cockill for basketball, Richie Stevenson and Conrad Roland for football and Joe Fitzpatrick for baseball), equipment, spirit and community support.

We won more games than we lost. Many of our truly gifted youths went on to earn scholarships in fine colleges and universities, all due to the opportunity provided by the leadership of Ben Goldfaden.

Another little known fact about Ben was his towering home runs while playing for Greenbelt in the men’s Saturday night softball games on Braden Field against leading D.C. teams – with the ball often landing on the baseball diamond. He was a “natural” in many ways.

Tikun Olam is a Hebrew expression for “Making a better world.” That must have been Ben’s goal. Well done, Ben!

Greenbelt would never be the same without you, Ben. Our thanks.

– Marshal Gerstell
and family Lou, Lil and Allen
Atlanta, Ga., and Reston, Va.

Greenbelt Tennis Has
Membership Social

On Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will host its 2013 membership social at Braden Field Tennis Courts. The event is open to all ages and skill levels.

The social includes doubles play, food and beverages, courts for kids and beginners and a gift for the first 48 people who join GTA (there is a fee). Balls will be provided; some rackets will be available.

RCCG Church Youth
Host Free Breakfast

On Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m. the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Restoration Center youth group, The Trailblazers, will host a free special breakfast session with Moyo Mamora at the church, 111 Centerway (above the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union). The breakfast is the first in a series of events to be held by the church to raise the profile of the Center in the community as it prepares to renovate and open new space in the former Greenbelt post office location beneath the Co-op.


Mamora, a pastor at Kingwood International Church in Chicago, will deliver an address entitled “A Call to Greatness,” with a message of purposeful living and leadership. His special outreach is to young adults, single and married, professionals and the self-employed, who need a clear vision of their purpose and to pursue greatness. He plans to visit several other area churches to teach young adults.

Center Pastor Abby Daramola says Mamora is “a young, articulate teacher and leader who understands the minds of the people of this generation.”

The church office chapel, where the program is to be held, will open at 9:30 a.m.




Congratulations to:
– Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Supervisor Stephen Parks, who received two awards at the recent Maryland Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) Conference in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of recreation and leisure services.
– Kenneth Silberman, who is a captain in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), on April 5 earned CAP’s prestigious Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Award, named for the first African American Air Force general and the Tuskegee Airmen’s valor during World War II. The award recognizes outstanding CAP officers’ dedication, leadership and personal development.
– Jeremiah Perry, who is one of 13 Metropolitan models with Down syndrome selected to participate in the May 8 “Be Beautiful Be Yourself Gala” fashion show and fundraiser of the Global Down Syndrome Foundation at the Ritz Carlton in D.C. Featured celebrities include Aretha Franklin, CNN’s Kyra Phillips, Fox News’ John Roberts and members of Congress. The event will honor U.S. Representatives Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Chris Van Hollen for their support of those with disabilities.
To send information email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.
– Kathleen McFarland



In all matters moderation
is desirable. If a thing is
carried to excess, it will
prove a source of evil. (Baha’u’llah)

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Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH
Worship Service 11:00am

All Welcome! April 28th
“How Should I Live in Light of the Resurrection?”
I Corinthians 15:50-58

May 5th
“Unity in Hearing the Word”
Nehemiah 8:1-12

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770
(301)474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Greenbelt Community Church
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Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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the aspiring soul, and the social vision...”

Co-op Grocery Seeks
Missing Members

The following list of Greenbelt Cooperative members is being sought by the co-op, who welcomes contact by the member, a relative or those who know the members:

Walter or Anne Anderson, Cresta M. Beaird, Imogene Byerly, John J. Callahan, Josephine P. Coe, Charles R. Collins, Catherin M. Dalton, Henry C. Daniels, Mark J. or Constance Davis, Theodore or Helen Diedrich, Ruth E. Dungan, Tom Dwyer, Mildred I. Ford, Mary Jane Gates, Marion Harrison, Walter Hogan, Lucille L. Howell, Charles or Margaret Hyland, Maureen B. Kelly, Margaret L. Kendall, Anna J. Lejietis, Paul L. Lentz, Harry G. Maerryman, Ruth M. Mathes, Dorothy McGee, Julia McGraw/Julia B. McGraw, Eileen J. Peterson, Mary L. Pranger, Joseph Ready, Robert or Mary Rice, Paul M. Rousseau, Elaine P. Sauffer, Harold A. Siegel, Marian H. Slaugh, James Smith, Roberta J. Smith, Edward S. Stefanelli, June E. Sturm, Lila A. Tucker, Lilliam Vallandingha and Ann T. Young.
Anyone with information is asked to call Sheila Ostdiek at 301-474-0522.

Annual Arthritis Walk
At ERHS to Be May 4

The 10th Annual Arthritis Walk will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) track on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. The walk is a family-friendly event, with walkers choosing one lap, one- or five-mile distances or cheering walkers on from the sidelines while visiting information and health booths or participating in other planned activities.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and continues until the walk starts at 10 a.m. There are no registration or entrance fees, though participants can earn an event T-shirt by raising \$100 or, for higher levels, additional prizes. Advance registration is available online at www.arthritiswalk.org. The walk chairperson for the Prince George’s walk is Barbara Taylor, the office manager for the Greenbelt office of Arthritis & Pain Associates.

Fundraising Events
There will be fundraising events both at and after the May 4 walk to raise money for Arthritis Foundation efforts to find a cure. For information call the message line at 301-335-7689 or email PGWalkComm@aol.com.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
Worship Service 10 a.m.






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8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
• Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor
301-474-7573
6301 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740





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Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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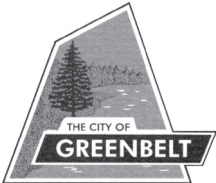


Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building
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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children’s service begins at 7:30 PM
Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
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For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist



City Information

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board and Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
For information call 301-474-8000.

Join the Recreation Department arts program staff!

Now accepting applications for two year-round, part-time positions:

Arts Education Specialist

Help coordinate visual arts classes and workshops for all ages. Help produce Artful Afternoons and other special events. 20 hrs/wk. \$12—\$17/hr.

Arts Program Assistant

Promote arts programs through print and online media. Help produce Artful Afternoons and other special events. Provide general program assistance. 12-15 hrs/wk. \$12—\$15/hr. Open until filled.

Applications available at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Please direct questions and completed applications to Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor: ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, April 27 from 9am-12noon
Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block “Styrofoam” #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.



SAVE THE DATE!
Bike to Work Day 2013

Friday, May 17th
Greenbelt Pit Stop will be at the Greenbelt

Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot

www.biketoworkmetrodc.org

INVITATION TO BID

Springhill Lake Elementary Safe Routes to School Project

Contract No.

AX352B51

F.A.P. No.

SRTS-1(913)E

City of Greenbelt Bid No. 2012-03

The City of Greenbelt will accept bids from qualified construction companies for the Springhill Lake Elementary Safe Routes to School Program until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read at the Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development located at 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. The project includes the construction of proposed sidewalk improvements, medians, and crosswalks located along Springhill Drive in Greenbelt, Maryland. The project is being partially funded through the Maryland State Highway Administration's Safe Routes to School Program, and is subject to certain State and Federal procurement standards.

Bid packages may be obtained electronically at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code starting Monday, April 29, 2013, and hard copies may be purchased from City of Greenbelt Dept. of Planning & Community Development (15 Crescent Road, Ste. 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770) upon payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set, nonrefundable. This Invitation will also be published on <https://emaryland.buyspeed.com/> and http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on site (meet in the Franklin Park Apartments parking lot across the street from Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770) on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is recommended, but not mandatory. Anyone needing additional information may contact Jaime Fearer at the Dept. of Planning & Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or at jfearer@greenbeltmd.gov.

VOTE GREENBELT THEATRE!

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VOTE FOR THE GREENBELT THEATRE

at www.PartnersinPreservation.com!

The Greenbelt Theatre is a finalist in a contest being sponsored by Partners in Preservation and American Express from April 25-May 10.

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Visit www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt or twitter

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TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW...PASS ON THE INFORMATION...LET'S WORK AS A COMMUNITY TO HELP PRESERVE THE THEATRE.

ALSO... ON SUNDAY, MAY 5th AT 1:00PM BRING YOUR SMART PHONES AND EVERYONE YOU KNOW OUT TO ROOSEVELT CENTER FOR AN OPEN HOUSE AND A GROUP VOTE. THERE WILL BE KEYCHAINS WHILE THEY LAST, ENTERTAINMENT, POPCORN AND MORE. COMPUTERS WILL BE ON HAND TO VOTE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SMART PHONE.

LET'S CROWD ROOSEVELT CENTER AND VOTE FOR OUR THEATRE!

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, April 27, from 9a.m.-12:00 noon

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center Info:

City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY?

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SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, May 4th from 9 am– 12 noon

(or until the truck is full)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the regular trash.

For more information, call the Public Works Office at 240-542-2153

FREE EYE CLINIC

Greenbelt Residents who meet certain requirements are eligible to receive free eye glasses through the Maryland Optometric Association's free eye clinic on June 21st 2013 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

In order to find out if you qualify and to participate and receive free eye glasses, you must call Greenbelt CARES/ the GAIL Program to register at 301-345-6660. Call ASAP, spots will fill up quickly! Once registered, you will be provided with the required forms that must be filled out to participate and you will be given an appointment time on June 21st.

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two weeks ago that it had been suggested to her by several councilmembers that they defer action on it until after a worksession could be held for further public discussion. Councilmember Edward Putens made a motion to this effect, which was seconded by Councilmember Leta Mach. Councilmember Konrad Herling stated his support, saying that he believed, after hearing from residents, that a worksession was needed for a broader discussion of the circumstances under which confidentiality might be appropriate or necessary.

After much discussion about procedure, it was agreed to undertake discussion prior to a council vote on the motion to defer action until after a worksession. Ultimately, however, council complied with the audience’s desire that this version of the ordinance be voted down, with a new ordinance to be started from scratch following the worksession.

A point of ongoing contention throughout the discussion was the role that an event of a year ago did or did not play in the development of the proposed ordinance. At the regular council meeting May 29 Councilmember Rodney Roberts revealed information from an email letter designated confidential by the county executive that was sent to brief the city council on a preliminary basis about sites under consideration as potential FBI headquarters. City Manager Michael McLaughlin and City Attorney Robert Manzi interrupted to request that council halt their discussion in order not to further violate the confidence of the county executive and McLaughlin notified the county executive’s office the next day that

the confidence had been breached. According to Mayor Davis, the city was excluded from further communication on this subject for some time.

At Monday night’s council meeting, Roberts pointed to this event several times as being “what got us to this point” and said the interest in developing an ordinance “started with an accusation that was false.” He said Manzi had confirmed that he had violated no confidentiality clause and that he wanted an admission from the city council that he had violated no law, as well as a public apology. He said he had demanded this before and that he was still waiting.

Roberts violated no law because there was no law to violate. To date Greenbelt has no law or penalty for the violation of confidential information by employees or elected officials. From the standpoint of other councilmembers, the episode of the county letter was not so much the cause of considering legislation as it was the last straw in a sequence of events over the last several years that convinced them that legislation was necessary.

Putens responded to Roberts by saying that the county letter was “not the point” as far as he was concerned. For years, he said, he had been hearing information repeated verbatim several days after city council executive sessions by people who were not in attendance at the meeting. Although there has not been any suggestion of where the information is coming from, the majority of council believes there is a need to establish legislation.

Davis said she had asked the research staff at the Maryland

Municipal League (MML) how common it was to have no legislation on violation of confidentiality. Although MML had no data on the question, she was told that when they get queries from municipalities on how to handle leaks from executive sessions, they ask, “Do you have an ordinance?” In the absence of an ordinance, MML advises, there are no teeth for enforcement.

Purpose

Davis has emphasized that although it is past incidents that have made the gaps in the city code apparent, the purpose of the legislation is not to keep revisiting past behavior but to guide future behavior on the part of both employees and elected officials. Councilmember Silke Pope agreed that council should move forward, emphasizing that it was better to set rules in advance rather than have to react once damage has been done.

Most of the people who attended the council meeting were in agreement with the viewpoint expressed by Roberts that very little that comes to a city council beyond the personal information of individuals should be held confidential. Some said they found anything beyond the most minimal considerations of confidentiality to be incompatible with the democratic spirit of Greenbelt.

Sylvia Lewis spoke in favor of having legislation, saying that where there are no consequences, there are no limits. She stressed that there are topics that need to be kept confidential and that the city works within an intergovernmental environment where respect for confidentiality affects the trust

that can be placed on the City of Greenbelt by other municipalities, the county and the state.

Open Meetings

At the mayor’s request, Manzi reviewed the considerable list of exceptions to the state’s open meetings law for elected officials: i.e., the 14 reasons for which elected bodies may (and, according to Manzi, usually should) go into executive session. These include, for example, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice or regarding litigation, to discuss personnel matters or those affecting the privacy of individuals regarding matters unrelated to public business and matters affecting the acquisition of real property or the location of businesses within the jurisdiction.

Although the audience was not in agreement on whether an ordinance was needed, almost everyone in the audience and on the council agreed that the existing ordinance needed to be substantially rewritten. Ruth Kastner said the definition of confidential was too broad, and the mayor said that criticism had come from others as well. Susan Barnett suggested that instead of trying to cover all contingencies, council work from examples of past problems in framing its definition.

Tom Jones and Velma Kahn both noted a disparity between the concerns and the language of the ordinance, with the ordinance being too broad; for example, there is no mention of executive sessions in the ordinance, despite the apparent concerns regarding executive sessions.

Whistleblower

Davis said she thought a whis-

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Rather than purposeful, long-term management of city finances to avoid extraordinary tax increases, I am concerned that this council’s style depends too much on a “We’ll just increase the tax rate if necessary” default.

Robert Fireovid

tleblower clause should be added to take care of situations where an individual might be justified in making information public that was designated confidential. In addition, she said there needed to be further discussion of materials declared confidential by other jurisdictions since that is an area of serious concern. Mach and Councilmember Emmett Jordan both agreed that the penalties as stated were too stringent and should allow for the possibility of inadvertent violations as well as intentional breaches.

To those suggesting that “other laws” cover many of the issues involved in confidentiality, Putens and Manzi both emphasized that other jurisdictions’ laws do not cover municipalities.

Further Discussion

A worksession will be held for further discussion prior to the construction and introduction of a new ordinance. In order that the worksession can be cablecast, it was suggested that it be held on Monday, May 20 in the Municipal Building, with the final budget review worksession rescheduled for Wednesday, May 22 in the Community Center. That decision was not final as of publication time.



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Saturday May 4, 7AM – ? Ride to Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race. Depart 7am sharp – fast riders only (15-16mph avg). Self support. Return 12pm-ish.

Friday May 17, Bike to Work Day
Convoy to DC leaves Greenbelt Pool at 7am; Lake Artemesia 7:20am; College Park City Hall 7:45am

Ongoing
-Pot Luck supper Thursdays 7-9 pm (store open till 9)
-Saturday 10 am group rides – Anacostia Tributary Trails/Beltsville Ag Center/Patuxent Wildlife Refuge

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Franz Josef Haydn

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Green Man Festival Features New Music Groups

by Richard McMullin

Each year when May rolls around, the ground warms, the days stretch out and the Green Man Festival comes to town. The festival, this year to be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12, has become a part of this green city on the second weekend of May since 2005. Local nonprofit environmental and social action groups mix with hand crafters and artisans to fill Roosevelt Center with color and delights, knowledge and wonder.

Each year musicians and poets are invited to join the festivities to bring the lively arts and spoken word to the celebration. The 2013 line up has several new acts including SongRise DC, The Walking Sticks, Tower Green and Fractal Cat.

The Walking Sticks are two brothers who grew up playing music and writing songs from an early age. They have always had a deep appreciation of nature and their music reflects that interest. Talent took them to studios in New York where several albums were recorded but in the last year they have focused on performing live in small venues to connect with people. They will perform Saturday at 2 p.m.

With a sound like Blackmore's Night and Fairport Convention, Tower Green brings its love of British Folk rock, Renaissance Festivals and Tudor



Opening the musical stage this year will be SongRise DC at 11 a.m. on Saturday. SongRise is Washington, D.C.'s all women social justice a cappella group, seeking to inspire action for social and environmental change through song and raising everyone's spirits at the start of the festival.

History to the stage. With a mix of the ancient and the new, they always get folks up on their feet to dance. Attendees should wear comfortable shoes and plan to join in the dance at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Baltimore band Fractal Cat emphasizes classic songwriting, a strong vocal presence and a multilayered psychedelic sound. The band weaves pop songs and vocal craft influenced by greats from Buddy Holly to Smokey Robinson with sonic exploration in the spirit of early Pink Floyd and Gong. They discovered Greenbelt earlier this year and

are delighted to perform for the Green Man Festival. Fractal Cat will perform around 3 p.m. on Sunday.

All are invited to help the Green Man "Occupy Greenbelt" on May 11 and 12. Put it on the calendar now, plan to link up and attend with friends and neighbors and spread the word. Put on comfortable clothes, bring a lawn chair and plan to enjoy what should be a glorious weekend.

Richard McMullin is the coordinator of the Green Man Festival and responsible for the music program.

HALL RENTALS (CATERING)

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Md. Delegation Supports FBI Move to Greenbelt

by James Giese

The entire Maryland Congressional delegation including both Senators Barbara Mikulski and Benjamin Cardin and all eight members of the House of Representatives jointly sent identical letters on April 10 to Daniel Tangherlini, acting administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA), and Robert S. Mueller, III, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in support of the relocation of a new FBI headquarters facility to Prince George’s County.

The letter does not endorse a specific site but notes that the potential Prince George’s County sites are located immediately proximate to the Washington Metro Rail system, commuter rail (MARC), the Capital Beltway (I-495), a variety of Metro bus and county transit bus lines and regional trail networks. One site in southern Prince George’s County has been reported to have been proposed to GSA but it does not have all the amenities listed in the letter. Only the proposed location at the North Core of the Greenbelt Station on Metro station property and nearby unspecified Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) property, meet all the conditions listed. To date there has not been a public announcement proposing the use of any property at BARC for the FBI facility.

The significance of the letter is not in its arguments for site location in the Greenbelt area, for these arguments have been made before in a letter from Greenbelt’s Congressman Steny Hoyer, but in the fact that all Maryland members of Congress are united in locating the FBI headquarters here. In contrast, multiple sites have been proposed in Virginia in multiple jurisdictions. So far, this has prevented concerted effort in support of a single site location by Virginia congress members.

“People for Bikes” Ride to D.C. Sunday

On Sunday, April 28 the Tim Johnson Ride on Washington will arrive at Proteus Bike Shop in north College Park on its way from Boston to Washington, D.C.

Local cyclists are invited to join the ride from noon to 1:30 p.m., meeting the riders for the bike parade downtown. The ride will be at an easy, moderate pace and there will be experienced riders in the group to help others along the way although this is not a supported ride. Riders are urged to bring a Metro fare-card in case of a major mechanical problem, needing a rest or other need to change return plans; many Metrorail stops are along the way where bikers can change to Metro return. The event is free although but donations to People for Bikes will be gratefully accepted.

Heather Mizeur Meet And Greet on May 4

On Saturday, May 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. Greenbelters Frank and Susan Gervasi, Michael Hartman and Lore Rosenthal are hosting a Meet and Greet with Delegate Heather Mizeur at the Gervasi home, 163 Research Road.

Not a fundraiser, Mizeur is eyeing a run for governor in 2014. Even though the election is not until next year, her views exemplify values that thrive in Greenbelt; she will share her vision for the state and talk with attendees, discussing their ideas.

Mizeur’s legislative record includes efforts to expand health coverage, create high-tech and green jobs, promote marriage equality and protect the environment. The Baltimore Sun praised her as “one of the leading environmental advocates in the General Assembly.” The Washington Post featured her plans on how to support K-12 education, create Maryland job opportunities and rebuild the transportation infrastructure.

Toastmasters Meet, Open House, Too

On Tuesday, April 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a special Open House meeting in the Greenbelt Community Church Social Hall, at the rear of the church on the lower level of the main building. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. All who have been curious about how Toastmasters can help develop public speaking and leadership skills are invited to attend the open house.

Wednesday, May 1 the club will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the education wing, which is the smaller building located behind the church.

Visitors are welcome at Toastmasters meetings, which are held every two weeks. Information is available at www.meetup.com/Greenbelt-Toastmasters or www.toastmasters.org.

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The city has allocated about \$700,000 for the initial work but city officials would like the allocation to be about \$1.2 million if more funds become available.

The plan is to start with renovations to the main auditorium, the bathrooms, the doors and some improvements to the seating, the concession area and the ticket booth.

There will also be a need to invest in new state-of-the-art projection equipment, for which the city is exploring grant funding. Staff believes that the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems may last a few more years. Currently the biggest factor in scheduling the work seems to be reaching agreement with Pepco and others on the electrical work.

Council Review

In reviewing budget information, one of the first items noted by council was a problem with non-payment of fees and fines as well as contractors ignoring city requirements for building permits. Some of these problems may occur in Greenbelt East office buildings where some renovations are taking place. One inspector spends nearly 50 percent of his time pursuing such delinquencies. Even when contractors are discovered and citations issued, adjudication requires time for inspectors or city representatives to appear in court.

Another issue was the drawn-out completion of the Safe Routes to School project in Franklin Park. Councilmembers expressed the hope that the project can be completed before the start of the school next fall at Springhill Lake Elementary.

Councilmembers were also glad to learn that the Advisory Planning Board is nearing completion of its Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and that a council worksession on the plan would be scheduled soon. Another Planning Department management objective is the preparation of a city-wide Complete and Green Streets Policy, particularly liked by Davis.

An item relating to space and handling of hard-copy files was of interest to council with some members wondering whether that was indeed a city-wide issue.

Selected Projects

Another interesting topic arose regarding departmental efforts to secure available grant funding for selected projects. Although the department has had some success in receiving grants, council discussed the time spent seeking appropriate grant funding and whether those efforts were worthwhile.

Councilmember Edward Putens wondered whether there is a point where the effort to secure grants begins to interfere with departmental “core” activities. Councilmember Emmett Jordan saw the grant seeking efforts as providing opportunities for the city.

Discussion of Animal Control activities focused on the growing workload due to the popularity of the city program. Craze advised council there was a need to improve security at the animal control facility to address what appears to be an increase in nonresident individuals dropping off animals at late hours. The

department feels this is harmful for the animals and should be discouraged.

Another issue discussed was Craze’s sense that recent court cases relating to dog breeds, such as the Pit Bull, could be an issue for animal control because many surrendered dogs are mixed breed.

Craze also defended the department’s efforts relating to free-roaming cats that owners allow to wander creating havoc for song birds. Animal Control has initiated a focus on trapping roaming cats in neighborhoods where wandering cats have been reported.

Finally, the Planning and Community Development Department is also responsible for Parking Enforcement. An accomplishment listed for the year was the acquisition of a mobile (license) tag reader. This device will enhance the officer’s ability to identify vehicles with registration violations, unpaid citations and stolen vehicles.

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COG Members Object

In response to the passed resolution, two member jurisdictions in Virginia, along with officials from Frederick County in Maryland (whose representative at the COG meeting voted in favor of adopting the resolution), informed board chair Karen Lewis Young that they considered this action beyond the scope of COG, saying gun control was a national and state issue.

The three letters, all similar in wording, called COG's action "inappropriate and disrespectful of the individual positions of the member governments and law enforcement agencies." The letters stated that COG's action did not reflect the views of the populations of the disagreeing jurisdictions. All three governments announced they would be withholding their 2014 COG dues as a result of the action.

According to the letters, many chief law enforcement officers do not endorse the IACP position and there is disagreement about whether it would have a meaningful impact on gun violence.

In addition, the mayor of the City of Fairfax, R. Scott Silverthorne, wrote Young to request the resolution be reconsidered because the resolution had caused "unnecessary friction" among COG members and he thought COG worked best when it focused on "issues of commonality." Silverthorne went on to say that his city's representative had been present at the meeting but had left for work around the time previously posted for adjournment. Had he been present to vote on the motion to send the matter to the policy committee, his vote would have broken the tie. If that motion had passed, Davis' motion would not have been made.

Alternative Motion

The chairs of the boards of supervisors of Fairfax and Loudoun Counties and the mayor of the City of Alexandria sent Young notification of their intention of voting for a proposed motion to reconsider the resolution. If that motion passes, their letter continues, they would make a substitute motion to have the appropriate COG committee(s) look into issues related to gun violence and report the findings and any suggested actions within six months. Included in the motion would be development of a consensus process for COG's board to address legislative issues.

Council's Direction

Davis asked that the item be placed on Greenbelt's agenda to give her direction when the COG board would meet again April 10 either to reconsider the resolution or to refer the issue to the appropriate COG committee, as proposed by the three Virginia jurisdictions.

After discussion about the bad precedent set by the jurisdictions that threatened to pull out if the passed resolution stands, the negative effect their actions would have on the organization and the options currently available, council agreed that Davis should vote against reconsideration of the resolution. Council further directed Davis to vote for sending the matter to committee for further review and for consideration of COG's role, assuming that motion would be made.

COG Action

At its next meeting, COG voted to send the issue to a committee for review with a report due in six months. Davis was one of the four board members voting against reconsideration.

Nursing Home

Council also discussed a site plan for a proposed nursing home to be built near Doctors Hospital in Lanham. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission had referred the item to the Greenbelt City Council.

The city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) reviewed the site plan and reported back to council that the proposed nursing home will replace one that is aged and does not conform to current standards. The new building will utilize environmental site design, including permeable pavement, rain gardens and bioswales.

The APB, however, had concerns about pedestrian access via a new sidewalk that will connect to an existing sidewalk on Mallery Drive along the eastern side of the facility. With the main entrance

on the west side of the building, the APB considered the planned route indirect and feared it will lead pedestrians to take a direct path along the roadway if no sidewalk is provided. The APB recommended that the developer further evaluate pedestrian access and try to resolve these issues.

Sidewalk Challenges

Ramon Benitez, a representative of the developer, was present. He explained to councilmembers that grading of the site presented considerable challenges in creating the flow of foot traffic to the main entrance that council preferred to the site plan design. Lack of adequate lighting prevented the rerouting of pedestrians to an area where a steep grade was not a problem, Benitez said.

After discussing the item at length councilmembers moved to forward comments to the planning board encompassing the APB's recommendations along with a concern brought up by Councilmember Edward Putens that the layout of the building is poor in relation to the location of its main entrance.

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Cubs	2-1	Athletics	0-3
Nationals	0-3	Orioles	0-3

Major League Schedule April 29 through May 4

Date	Time	Games
Monday, April 29	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Giants
Tuesday, April 30	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Nationals
Wednesday, May 1	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Cardinals
Thursday, May 2	6 p.m.	Cubs vs. Orioles
Friday, May 3	6 p.m.	Nationals vs. Giants
*Friday, May 3	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Indians**
*Friday, May 3	7 p.m.	Indians vs. Athletics
Saturday, May 4	10 a.m.	Cubs vs. Tigers
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Career Fair for Veterans Held at Legion Post

by Jessica Suss

Re-assimilation into civilian career paths was the idea behind the career fair for University of Maryland College Park veterans which was held on Friday, April 19 at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136.

Undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate Maryland veterans met with 25 prospective employers from the Maryland Space Business Roundtable, an organization that encourages the growth and development of aerospace industries in Maryland.

The University of Maryland has over 800 veterans, comprising between 1.5 and 2 percent of the student body, according to Tasha Vanterpool, coordinator of veteran student life at the university.

“A major part of our job” she said “is to support the transition from military life to civilian, college life.” Vanterpool said she worked closely with Anoop Mehta, president of the Maryland Space Business Roundtable, to organize the event. They brought the employers,” she said, “and we brought the veterans.”

Mehta said he hopes to have another one next year and to expand the idea throughout the state of Maryland.

Opportunities for Veterans

Mehta was pleased that participation came from large and small businesses as well as government agencies.

Nancy Kim, an intern for Vanterpool who is a Marine and

a senior communications major said the career fair was a “plus because you don’t have to wrestle with the other students trying to get the attention of the employers.”

Wade Swanson, a business school student, counsels other student veterans at Maryland and one of the most important things they discuss is events such as the career fair.

“A lot of it is how to translate military experience to corporate America, how to write a resume in a non-technical way, not to use acronyms every other word,” Swanson said. “I love it. I like working with vets and helping them as much as I can.”

Best Hires in Country

Swanson said he feels that veterans are some of the best hires in the country thanks to the leadership that comes from military training.

“That’s what is so fantastic about young people getting out of the military is that they have so much leadership experience,” Swanson said.

Greenbelt Legion Post 136 Commander Mike Moore feels the same way about veterans – that they are some of the most employable people the country has to draw on.

An army veteran himself, Moore said an educated veteran and a willing employer are an unbeatable combination.

“I thought it would be a good idea to have highly motivated, college-educated veterans who should be the easiest to employ,

together with a willing set of employers,” Moore said. “We thought it would be a good idea to have a focused career fair in the aerospace industry . . . [so the vets] will continue to be able to serve their country and keep the aerospace industry the best in the world.”

Moore says American Legion Post 136 does about 30 or 35 events a year and that this career fair is one of their most unique, as well as one they would like to expand on given the presence of federal jobs in Maryland, Washington and Virginia.

“Right now with sequestration [federal employers] are not hiring very much,” Moore said. “But that’s why I’m particularly proud of these employers, they’re getting cutbacks too but they’re still here, they’re still offering jobs.”

One of the numerous companies that comprise Maryland Space Business Roundtable is, of course, NASA and the Goddard Space Flight Center.

Help for Veterans

Erik Torres, a human relations specialist for Goddard, was one of the employees who volunteered to be at the career fair. Although not a veteran, he comes from a military family and says that upbringing helped spark his interest.

“Working in the human relations office, [veteran employees] are one of the programs I’m very interested in,” Torres said. “It means a lot to give a helping hand to veterans. That’s one of the things I love about NASA.”



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